Minutes

Lake Park Harbor Marina Advisory Board Special Call March 22, 2007 5:00 P.M. Lake Park Town Hall 535 Park Avenue Lake Park, Fl 33403

A. Call to Order:

Jim Lloyd, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by: Jim Lloyd

C. Roll Call:

Jim Lloyd:

(Chairman)

Ronnie Lee Cohen:

(Member)

Janice Branyan:

(Member)

Kelleen Allen

(Member)

William McDow

(Member)

Ernie Small

(First Alternate)

Joseph Wexler

(Second Alternate)

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion; Kelleen Allen Second: Joseph Wexler

Passed

E. Introduction of Town Manager and Interim Marina Director

Chairman Lloyd began this special call meeting by asking if formalities were in order for the proceedings, and Town Manager Maria Davis indicated that she felt this should be just an informal discussion. She began by stating that she's excited to be the Town Manager for Lake Park, and also very excited to get together with the Board, get to know them, and in view of the fact that the following Wednesday there will be a priorities workshop with the Town Commission, get to learn what the Board feels should be the priorities for action regarding the Marina. In addition, she stated this was a perfect opportunity to introduce Mike Klingensmith as the interim Director, who, she felt, was doing a great job. She then went on to offer an update on the breakwater design and permit situation. After a brief description of placement problems, Kelleen Allen asked if the original permit (which the Board had just heard about at the March 1, 2007 meeting) had been found. Ms. Davis then explained that it had expired, having never been used for still unknown reasons at the direction of still unknown persons.. Ms. Allen then asked if

the process would have to begin all over again, and Ms. Davis answered that the process could be expedited. This was further explained by Mr. Klingensmith. Here followed a detailed discussion of dock and breakwater placement. Chairman Lloyd again voiced his curiosity and disappointment that such a huge blunder as building the entire south half of the Marina with floating docks and not protecting it with a breakwater could possibly have occurred and been accepted by the Town, particularly in view of the fact that the Town had at the time a Marina Advisory Board which (at the time) had been directed to spend it's time discussing a brick paver program. Town Manager Davis attempted to console Chairman Lloyd by reminding him that the ultimate decisions were made by the Town Commission. Mr. Lloyd then asked, in closing the discussion of the missing breakwater, when initiation of construction might commence. Ms. Davis thought possibly ninety to one hundred twenty days for the beginning of construction. The discussion next was about pilings. Mr. Lloyd indicated that the last meeting the previous Chairman (Jim Knox) attended, there was a heated discussion regarding pilings with a previous Manager at which their importance was minimized. Manager Davis assured the Board that Mr. Klingensmith is insistent with her on their necessity, and that remedies are forthcoming. Mr. Wexler then added that in his opinion, when pilings are removed during initial phases of the breakwater installation, it would be a good time to have new ones installed. Mr. Klingensmith agreed, stating that his focus is to minimize expenses. The discussion then went to revenue raising. TGIF parties, selling beer, and in general, giving the Marina a personality came under discussion. Next the repair of the now infamous sinking brick pavers and installation of cable TV access was mentioned.

F. Member Comments

Chairman Lloyd next observed that the meeting had not heard all members and called for member comments. Ronnie Lee Cohen started with a thank-you to the Manager for moving ahead with the beer license. She also mentioned tiki huts out on the brick portico for TGIF parties would help raise money. Janice Branyan stsed all the points she was going to mention had been covered. Chairman Lloyd was very pleased with the new administration and added that the Marina had a way to go. His main goal for the Marina was for it to develop a personality friendly to boaters and non-boaters alike. Joseph Wexler noted that the Marina has a great view and parking, a great venue for various festivals. At this point Manger Davis asked if the Board would be willing to help supply volunteers to work at various activities. She got assurance the Board would help. Kelleen Allen started by saying she would volunteer her time. Also she mentioned the Marina would have to stay open later than five o'clock pm. Ernie Small added that fishing boats bring lots of demand for supplies early and later, hence extended hours. Also, fish display boards on the south end are a necessity, he added. Here followed a detailed discussion of parking problems brought on by charter boats, and how to handle charter business at the Marina. During a discussion of green space (re parking shortage) Ed Daly reminded the meeting that all green space at the Marina must remain. At this point, Chairman Lloyd called for a final word from everyone. Ms. Davis said she's learned more about marinas in the last weeks than ever before, and it's been a challenge, and she loves a challenge. Ronnie Lee Cohen stated that when all the finishing touches we discussed are done, we'll have the jewel we've worked for. Janice Branyan said her term on the Board runs out

next month but she'll still remain interested. Mr. Lloyd stated he's excited that the Board has entered a new era of cooperation with Town Hall. Mr. Wexler added that it will be a good thing for people to go there and enjoy themselves. Kelleen Allen thanked the Town Manager for all she's done. Finally, Ernie Small indicated that in the past the Board has been discouraged, but now he feels a new excitement, that good things finally will happen.

G. Adjournment

Motion: Kelleen Allen Second: Joseph Wexler

Passed

Time Out: 6:15 pm

Minutes Approved by The Lake Park Harbor Marina Advisory Board.

Chairman

Minutes prepared by Jim Lloyd Date: 3/28/07